GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EXPORT OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether meeting of World Health Assembly was held in Geneva recently;

(b) if so, the details of the matter discussed in the meeting;

(c) whether India has received a proposal to export medicinal plants to the tune of Rs. 5,000 crore in the next two-three years; and

(d) if so, facts thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) : The 54th Session of World Health Assembly was held during 14th to 22nd May, 2001 in Geneva.Following main issues were discussed in the World Health Assembly.

Technical and health matters

1. Mental Health

2. Global strategy for infant and young child feeding

3. Health promotion

4. Global health security: epidemic alert and response

5. Control of schistosomiasis
6. Strengthening nursing and midwifery

7 Strengthening health systems in developing countries

8. Framework convention on tobacco control: report by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body

9. HIV/AIDS
10. Smallpox eradication: temporary retention of variola virus stocks
11. Revised Drug Strategy
12. International Classification of functioning, disability and health
13. Health effects of depleted uranium
14. Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine

Administrative and Financial Matters

1. Report of the Executive Board on its 106th and 107th sessions

2. Reports of the main committees

3. Human Resources: Annual Report

4. Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

5. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
6. Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

7 Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations - International Decade of the World`s Indigenous People

8. Use of languages in WHO

9. General programme of work
10. Proposed programme budget for 2002-2003
11. Miscellaneous income budget
12. Unaudited interim Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2000 and comments thereon of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee
13. Interim report of the External Auditor
14. Report of the Internal Auditor
15. Status of collection of assessed contributions, including members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking article 7 of the constitution
16. Special arrangements for settlement of arrears
17. Real Estate Fund
18. Casual income
19. Assessment of new members and associate members
20. Scale of assessments for 2002-2003

This Ministry has, however not received any proposal to export medicinal plants to the tune of Rs. 5,000 crore in the next two-three years.